

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

A file server (1) in communication with a remote client (e.g. PPC 7, Mobile phone client 5) receives images from a camera (2) or video store (4) as full frame images. A selection and compression programme enable the transmission of bit streams defining a compressed video image for display on the comparatively small screen of the mobile client and permits simple virtual zoom and frame area selection to be viewed by the user. Compression and selection algorithms enable the user to select an angle view having a corresponding number of pixels to the local screen but derived from the whole of the original frame and fully compressed and with varying selections of compression between down to selection by the file server (1) of a portion of the original frame having the same number of pixels. The system may find use particularly where bandwidth between the client and the file server is limited so that it is unnecessary for the whole of the video frame to be transmitted to the client and only limited return signalling from the client to the server is required.